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1. THE FONOFF'S REMARKS TO US ABOUT THE NOVEMBER 13-14 MEETING OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS CONFIRM THE POINTS IN REFTEL. ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INTEREST ARE:

2. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE: THE FRG'S ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE ABU DHABI EXPERT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE; THAT NO MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMISSION WILL OCCUR AT ABU DHABI; AND THAT THE QUESTION OF WHAT WILL FOLLOW ABU DHABI IS COMPLETELY OPEN. THE EC IS STILL PREPARED TO MEET ON THE GENERAL COMMISSION LEVEL, BUT SO FAR ONLY ON THE BASIS OF THE DUBLIN FORMULA. THE CENTRAL QUESTION FOR THE FRG IS HOW TO MAINTAIN ARAB INTEREST IN THE DIALOGUE, THUS PRESERVING A USEFUL CHANNEL FOR EURO-ARAB CONSULTATIONS, WHILE KEEPING THE DIALOGUE FOCUSED ON CONSTRUCTIVE THEMES AND AVOIDING ITS BECOMING A POLITICAL FORUM. THE DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT (AND HOW) TO ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL COMMISSION LEVEL SHOULD BE DECIDED IN THIS CONTEXT.

3. MBFR: FOLLOWING UP ON THE MINISTERS' DISCUSSION AT LUCCA, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS DECIDED THAT:

A. THE EASTERN EUROPEAN EXPERT WORKING GROUP WILL STUDY THE SOVIET CONCEPT OF MILITARY DETENTE AS AN INCREASINGLY CENTRAL ELEMENT IN DETENTE POLICY; AND

B. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS THEMSELVES WILL STUDY THE IMPLICATIONS OF MBFR FOR EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNITY. THEY WILL BE SUPPORTED BY NATIONAL MBFR EXPERTS, WHO MAY ACCOMPANY THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS TO THEIR NEXT MEETING.

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